



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 628**

February Session, 2016

Substitute Senate Bill No. 327

*Senate, April 14, 2016*

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY, J. of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING SIGNAGE FOR SITES ON THE CONNECTICUT ANTIQUES TRAIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes or any municipal zoning ordinance or  
3 regulation, except those ordinances or regulations pertaining to the  
4 size of signage or flags, a business identified by the Department of  
5 Economic and Community Development as being on the Connecticut  
6 antiques trail, established pursuant to section 32-6u of the general  
7 statutes, may display temporary signage or flags, for not more than  
8 sixteen hours each day, indicating that the business is on such trail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**CE** Joint Favorable Subst.

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill has no fiscal impact by allowing certain businesses to display temporary signage indicating that such businesses are on the Connecticut antiques trail.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 327*****AN ACT CONCERNING SIGNAGE FOR SITES ON THE CONNECTICUT ANTIQUES TRAIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes businesses that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) identifies as being on the Connecticut Antiques Trail to display temporary signs or flags, for up to 16 hours a day, indicating that they are on the trail. Except with respect to a municipal ordinance or regulation concerning a sign or flag's size, the authorization applies even if a state statute or municipal zoning ordinance or regulation prohibits such a display.

Under existing law, to be designated as being on the trail, a business must meet certain criteria and submit a form to DECD for its review. Among other things, an eligible business must primarily buy and sell items collected or desired because of their age, rarity, condition, or other unique feature. Art dealers, consignment shop operators, and flea markets do not qualify.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill (File 270) to the Commerce Committee, which reported a substitute that added the requirement that signs and flags comply with applicable size limits.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/14/2016)

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 3 (04/07/2016)